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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
PHILIPPE BOIRE, ET AL. : EXAMINER: A.T. PIZIALI
SERIAL NO: 09/923,353 :
FILED: AUGUST 8, 2001 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1771
FOR: SUBSTRATE WITH A PHOTOCATALYTIC COATING

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated August 23, 2007, Applicants elect Group I, Claim 25, with traverse.

Restriction is proper only when there is a serious burden on the examiner in the absence of restriction. MPEP 803 and 808.02

In this case, there is no serious burden on the Examiner because all of the pending claims have already been examined on the merits. All of the pending claims were under appeal, when, on August 8, 2007, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) was filed in order to have a reference explicitly entered into the record and considered by the Examiner. No amendments to the pending claims were made, and no new claims were added. Thus, the same claims are pending as before submission of the RCE.

Since all of the claims of this application have been examined, there is no serious burden on the Examiner in the absence of restriction. Therefore, the requirement for

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restriction is not proper, and all of the claims pending in this application should be examined together. Accordingly, withdrawal of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

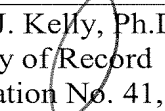
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